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AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHECK AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-

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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the following remarks as set forth below.